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SUBJECT: GAO REPORT ON GKR PHANTOM TROOPS

1. IN SPECIAL REPORT (FEBRUARY 6, 1974) TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ENTITLED SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS IN THE CIVIL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, GAO HIGHLIGHTS (AMONG OTHER ISSUES) QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF PHANTOM TROOPS IN THE CAMBODIAN MILITARY FORCES. REPORT SUMMARIZES FINDINGS OF YEAR AGO AND DOES NOT RPT NOT INTRODUCE NEW EVIDENCE.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY COMMENTS ON PHANTOM TROOP PROBLEM INCLUDING RECENT PAYROLL FIGURES AND EMBASSY VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION: I.E., DO MANY PHANTOMS REMAIN AND WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE THEM.

3. WE DO NOT HAVE A DATE FOR OUR BUDGET HEARINGS WHERE THIS QUESTION MAY BE RAISED BUT HEARINGS COULD OCCUR ANY TIME. KISSINGER

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